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1. The tar bombing of the front of the Bank of Boston Building in Buenos Aires on 26 March was reportedly the work of members of the Alianza Libertadora Nacionalista (ALN), and not of Communists, contrary to the impression conveyed by leaflets scattered on the streets at the time of the incident. The Chancery of the American Embassy is located in the building. The attackers were a group of about twenty youths, none of whom was over 22 years of age. Three of the leaders who chose them for the bombing are Mario Lopez Gazcon, (fnu) Simpson, and (fnu) La Puente.* The youths are also said to be connected with the Sindicato Universitario Argentino (SUA), an affiliate of the ALN. Both organizations have joined in an open "war of nerves" with England and, particularly, the United States. According to source, a number of thugs, a group Peron fears, are included in the ALN.
2. Mario Lopez Gazcon is a former employee of the Bank of Boston. He reportedly hates the United States. Hipolito Paz, Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs, is also said to be a member of the ALN, which now numbers approximately 130,000 members. It appears that acts against the United States will continue.**
3. ALN elements are preparing to beat American newspapermen whose articles anger them. Most of the ALN members are youths and are being led by older men of pronounced anti-American feelings.

25X1A Comment. This (fnu) La Puente is possibly identical with Jorge La Puente, whose activities in the ALN were described in 25X1A

25X1A Comment. A second tar bombing of the Bank of Boston Building occurred on the night of 30 March. Based on source's prediction, it can be presumed that the second tar smearing was also the work of the ALN.

25X1A Comment. the Argentine presidential offices reported on 30 March that the Federal Police expect more anti-American demonstrations in Buenos Aires, instigated by both nationalists and Communists. 25X1X

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